Technology Solutions for Your Mission Requirements: ANSWER

Supporting Your Mission with Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts

Introduction to ANSWER

GSA's ANSWER (Applications 'N Support for Widely-diverse End-user Requirements) is a multiple award, indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC). This GWAC provides direct access to the best Industry has to offer, providing the full spectrum of Information Technology (IT) solutions and services including new and emerging technologies to federal agencies worldwide.

ANSWER's comprehensive scope covers the full spectrum of IT and provides the flexibility needed to acquire an integrated solution that incorporates equipment, hardware, software, and other direct costs integral and necessary to the IT service requirements. ANSWER's ten year proven track record, utilizing experienced Industry Prime Contractors, provides customers comprehensive, innovative, and sustainable solutions to meet their mission critical IT requirements.

See the back of this publication for the features and benefits of using the ANSWER GWAC.

Ordering

Prior to issuing orders under ANSWER, federal contracting officers (COs) must receive training on the use of the ANSWER contract and be granted a written delegation of procurement authority from the GWAC program office. Training is offered at no cost via:

- Onsite training conferences and events;
- Conference calls;
- Web or video conferences; and
- A self-paced, online course at the GSA Center for Acquisition Excellence (available at www.gsa.gov/cae).

For More Information

For more information about how the ANSWER GWAC can provide your agency with state-of-the-art IT solutions, contact the Enterprise GWAC Center at (877) 534-2208, e-mail answer@gsa.gov, or visit **www.gsa.gov/answer.**

Features / Benefits

Features	Benefits
• $25B program ceiling; two- year base period with eight, one-year options	• Allows for long-term planning of large scale program requirements
• Comprehensive IT Scope	• Enables comprehensive integrated IT solutions
• Contract types include: fixed price, labor hour, and time and material	• Offers flexibility of contract types for optimal risk mitigation
• Permits other direct costs that are integral and necessary to the IT effort	• Facilitates integrated IT solution
• Aggressive subcontracting goals	• Provides opportunities for small businesses
• Access to exceptionally qualified Industry Partners	• Enables innovative solutions at competitive prices from experienced providers
• Pre-competed, easy to use contract with streamlined ordering procedures based on FAR 16.505	• Saves time and money by reducing procurement lead time
• Complimentary scope compatibility reviews	• Promotes contract compliance and reduces risk of adverse audits
• Compliance with Section 863 of National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2009	• Supports price competition/best value through FAR 16.505 Fair Opportunity process
• No protests on orders $10M and below except on the grounds that the order increases the scope, period, or maximum value of the GWAC	• Minimizes protest risk and supports timely order award for optimal mission support

GSA eTools

The Center for Acquisition Excellence is available free of charge 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide customer agencies and contractors with online training, including GSA GWAC information. **www.gsa.gov/cae**

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